

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report April 2008



**APD nabs
"gas guzzler"
thief**



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- The Southeast Impact Team conducted several surveillance tact plans in April resulting in a total of 28 self-initiated arrests, 24 of which were felonies. During one of the tact plans, the team recovered stolen New Mexico ID cards and computer equipment for making more of the same.
- A tact plan at a local retailer was conducted at the request of their management. There was suspicion that employees were stealing merchandise. Within a short time, the Impact Team arrested 5 individuals responsible for \$10 to \$14 thousand dollars worth of stolen merchandise. They recovered \$1,000.00 worth of stolen DVD's, a digital camera, tools, and a plasma TV.

Foothills Area Command...

- A tact plan was conducted along Montgomery from Eubank to Tramway to combat illegal drag racing. Officers issued 23 citations, 1 DWI arrest, and 2 vehicles were towed.
- Field Briefings were conducted in the area Montgomery and Juan Tabo, and Eubank and Candelaria to discourage illegal loitering.
- Crime-Free Multi-Housing worked with the CNAU on a crime reduction plan at the Deluxe Motel in an attempt to decrease calls for service. Several arrests were made for outstanding misdemeanor warrants, felony warrants, criminal trespassing, and panhandling.

Valley Area Command...

- Officers continued to coordinate with undercover narcotics detectives in an attempt to identify and arrest those involved in trafficking drugs in the downtown area.
- Officers targeted Sunday cruising in the downtown area, resulting in 105 traffic citations, 9 noise violation citations, and 12 vehicles towed.
- Officers participated in a bicycle safety rodeo at Atrisco Elementary School. The officers assisted school staff in educating the students on safety rules for bicycle riding. This event was a precursor to the citywide event on Civic Plaza.

Southwest Area Command...

- Conducted a tac plan that focused on a high drug

trafficking and prostitution area that contained several motels and apartment complexes. Three subjects that were stopped admitted to being in the area for the purpose of purchasing narcotics. The plan resulted in 2 felony arrests and 1 misdemeanor arrest, along with the confiscation of heroin.

- Conducted numerous speeding tact plans.

Northeast Area Command...

- On April 28, information was received that there was a student with a handgun at La Cueva High School. The Active Shooter team was deployed to the school to locate the suspect. Officers from the Chief's office, SWAT, Motors, SRO's, CIB and other area commands assisted the Northeast Area Command on this call. The student was located and a cardboard facsimile of a handgun was recovered. As a precaution, the entire school was evacuated and searched. Over 90 officers responded to this call.
- Also on April 28, Officer E. Martinez was dispatched to a suspicious person call. Officer Martinez located the suspect sleeping on a bus bench at Prospect and Menaul. The suspect fled on foot and the officer pursued. The suspect was taken into custody, was identified and was found to have an outstanding felony warrant out of Arizona.

Northwest Area Command...

- The new area command opened for business on Friday, April 25, 2008. A press conference was held at the new substation, located at 4051 Ellison Rd. NW. Mayors Chavez and Swisstack were in attendance.
- The command's first briefing was held at 2200 hours for Watch I officers.
- The area commander attended several neighborhood association meetings in addition to the West Side Coalition meeting and has received a great deal of support and enthusiasm for the new area command from both the residential population as well as the business community.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to five call-outs.
- Over 3,997 evidence items were received, 2,634 items disposed, 124 notification letters were sent to property owners and 94 items were returned

to owners.

APD to address crime issues in this area of the City.

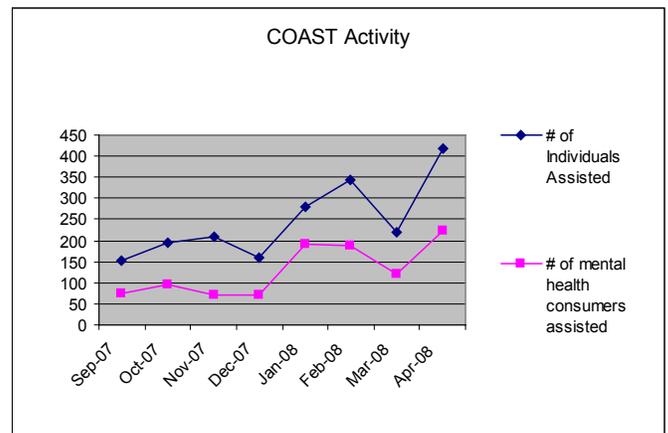
Communications Division...

- 17 employees graduated from the three week DPS Public Safety Telecommunicator Academy which all 911 center employees are required to attend during their first year of employment. Graduation from the academy certifies the employee with the state.
- The New Mexico Chapter of APCO/NENA hosted the Western Regional Conference in April. The Western Regional conference brings in 911 professionals from across the country to receive training, attend vendor shows and network with each other on common issues.

- The APD’s Criminal Nuisance Abatement Unit (CNAU) was called out to a substandard home that needed to be vacated. One person living in the home was a young woman who had been nearly homebound for 10 years because of panic attacks. The woman was referred to COAST. The woman was started on anti-anxiety medications and the Team also started simple behavioral therapy. Because of COAST and the psychiatrist, the woman is now living in her own apartment. The Team continues to link her to services to assure that her needs continue to be addressed.

Homeland Security Division...

- Participated in a “table top” exercise to prepare for May’s 2008 mock incident that PNM is planning to hold in the Hidden Valley subdivision.
- The APD Homeland Security Division received recognition for work done regarding medical preparedness and response efforts (i.e., Infectious Diseases Response Plan and PPE for officers).



Planning & Policy Division...

- Assisted in the opening of APD’s 6th Area Command.
- Printed and distributed the APD Annual Report.
- Applied for several awards issued by the IACP.
- Contracted painter to repair and paint Triangle Substation.
- Inspections / Accreditation Unit continued to prepare for the re-accreditation process. The mock onsite is scheduled for late June; the real onsite process will be held in mid-December.

Open Space Division...

- Conducted tactical plans focusing on the mesas and arroyos, Rio Grande State Park trails, speeding on Central Ave near the river, auto burglaries at the Alameda Open Space and homeless campsites in the bosque.
- An Open Space sergeant assisted air support during the La Cueva HS lockdown on the 28th, and brought a fuel truck on scene to “hot fuel” Air 1. The Open Space Division also assisted on the perimeter.
- Ofc. B. Rail enforced the new city ordinance banning smoking in City of Albuquerque Open Space areas.
- The Division responded to one search and rescue call out in Sandia Foothills.

Strategic Support Division...

- Safe City area continues to grow slowly. Safe City community representatives are very happy with the demolition of the American Inn in the Safe City project area. They are also working to try to increase enrollment in the program with area citizens and businesses.
- Community Policing business initiatives: Balloon Fiesta Park/North I-25 – Karen Fischer and Deputy Chief McCabe were the featured speakers at the April North I-25 business association meeting. The meeting attendees were very open and committed to trying to build a community policing based partnership with

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- Transported 1,672 prisoners to the MDC.
- The walk-in rate of prisoners at MDC has dropped an average of 76 % since the extended hours of the new PTU shift bid went into effect on April 5th.

- The PTU participated in one tac plan on April 15th in an APD-sponsored warrant roundup. The PTU provided services from a mobile PTC command post. The mobile PTU processed 20 prisoners and accepted 5 walk-in prisoners at MDC.

Professional Standards Division...

- The Recruiting Unit received 417 interest cards (highest number of interest cards received in a single month).
- The Background Investigations Unit tested 85 candidates and initiated 56 background files.
- The Basic Training Unit has 31 cadets in the 99th class and 43 cadets in the 100th class.
- The Advanced Training Unit graduated the 23rd PSA Class on April 11th.
- The Data Entry Unit completed the first UCR Report utilizing the new RMS.
- The CIS Unit gained approval from the State TraCS board to install TraCs equipment for another 100 APD officers.

Metro Division...

- In honor of "National Workzone Safety Week" the Traffic Unit continued to enforce traffic laws in construction areas, focusing around I-40.
- Participated in the mitigation of a tractor-trailer crash that was loaded with explosives on I-40, April 22.
- SWAT assisted in the active shooter call from La Cueva HS.
- The DWI Unit participated in four sobriety checkpoints, resulting in 62 DWI arrests and 28 vehicle seizures.
- The Bomb Squad was called to Tijeras in reference to a grenade. The owner passed away and his family came upon the item. The Bomb Squad determined that it was possibly "live" and rendered it safe.

Central Investigations Bureau...

- The Gang Unit made seven high-profile arrests, including members of Westside Loco, Kirk Town Piru and Juaritos gangs.
- ROP made fourteen high-profile arrests, including a serial bank robber and a "Top 5" offender.
- The Vice Unit made 62 arrests.
- The Valley Narcotics Unit conducted a buy/bust operation, resulting in nine felony arrest warrants.

- The Auto Theft Unit and the Wrecker Services Unit recovered \$682,918 worth of stolen vehicles.
- The Auto Theft Unit also recovered a stolen truck by using the GPS signal from the victim's Blackberry that was still in the vehicle. Using the signal, the detectives were able to get a general area of where the vehicle was located and apprehended the suspects.
- The White Collar Crimes Unit arrested four suspects who were listed as "Top 5" offenders.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 74 cases and submitted 5 cases to the DA's Office. Detectives identified the suspects in the Backpack Bandits cases and are actively working other cases in which it is believed these suspects are responsible.

Trend Analysts

